

March 14, 2011

**Senate Local Govt. Comm.**

Exhibit No. 10

Date 3-14-2011

Bill No. HB 516

**Dear Committee Members:**

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding House Bill 516. My name is Mary McKittrick. I received a business degree from the University of Montana. My address is 1439 Lewis st. Helena MT 59601. You can also reach me at (406)431-0430, or by email at murlot@live.com.

I have lived in Montana all my life. I have a sense of pride when I speak to people about our great state and all the wonderful people who live here. Montana is my home. HB 516 effects me directly, because it threatens the safety of this home by allowing discrimination based on sexual orientation to go unchecked. I am employed, I am a community volunteer, I am a taxpayer, and I am a gay woman.

I feel, not as though I am entitled, but rather that I deserve, that my community *deserves* to have the same rights and protections as any other. This issue is about civil rights, pure and simple. The Missoula Anti Discrimination Ordinance is something to be proud of.

Please vote **AGAINST HB 516**

Sincerely,

Mary McKittrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary McKittrick", written in dark ink.